

REMARKS

The indication on page 7 of the Official Action that claims 5 and 9-10 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the subject matter of claim 5 has been added to claim 1 and claim 5 has been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 was rejected under §112, second paragraph, and has been amended as to form. The other claims have been amended into conformance with U.S. practice. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-6, and 9-10 were rejected as unpatentable over PASSERA et al. 5,909,681 in view of ELLIS, III 2001/0013049 and as unpatentable over KRUM 6,618,820. The claims have been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5 indicated to be allowable and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.¹

In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

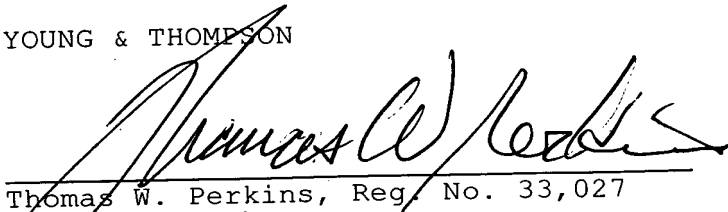
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¹ The inclusion of claims 5 and 9-10 in the rejections appears to be an oversight in view of the later indication that these claims include allowable subject matter.

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